

According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.9 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending May 14, 2000**. Dry weather across most of the state allowed spring planting to progress at a steady rate. Soil moisture was rated 6 percent very short, 24 percent short, 60 percent adequate, and 10 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1999	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Emerged	98	92	96	94	0	5	22	63	10
Cotton	Planted	80	56	69	68	1	5	15	67	12
	Emerged	58	29	38	43					
Rice	Planted	75	63	90	93	1	4	30	57	8
	Emerged	56	35	66	76					
Sorghum	Planted	82	74	87	76	0	6	20	69	5
	Emerged	74	50	72	65					
Soybeans	Planted	60	47	57	52	0	5	23	66	6
	Emerged	46	29	39	36					
Wheat	Mature	12	3	7	13	1	3	30	55	11
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvest	62	56	49	40	--	--	--	--	--
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	5	1	4	8	--	--	--	--	--
Watermelons	Planted	84	81	76	79	0	2	14	78	6
Blueberries						0	1	12	75	12
Cattle						0	4	19	64	13
Pasture						0	7	24	58	11

County Agent Comments

“What was once a very promising wheat crop has developed many problems and will be average to below average because of diseases and insects. Growers are working hard between showers, but still have a long way to go.”

— Don Respess, Bolivar County

“We need about 10 days of dry weather to finish planting and get what is planted cleaned up. Windy conditions are making it difficult to apply Round-up.”

— Mack Young, Quitman County

“Corn planting has been completed and cotton planting is progressing very well. Low soil moisture is causing problems in getting stands. Hay harvesting is going well with high yields reported on ryegrass and fescue.”

— Dalton G. Garner, Prentiss County

“Soybean planting is progressing on schedule. Emerging cotton looks excellent. Corn growth is progressing slow but steady. It had a tough start with cool temperatures and 3 inches above normal rainfall during April. Most corn producers are finishing planting and are applying side dress nitrogen applications.”

— Stanley Wise, Jr., Union County

“The weather conditions are great and producers are in full swing planting cotton and soybean. Cotton planting is almost completed. Most cotton is up and is looking good.”

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

Weather Summary from May 8, 2000 to May 14, 2000 for Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One	DFN	Rain	Four	Max	Min	Avg	Pan
						Week		Days	Weeks				Evap
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	89	57	74	70	+ 4	0.72	-0.47	1	4.90	83	66	77	0.57
Cleveland	89	53	74			0.22		1	5.84				
Tunica	90	55	74	69	+ 5	0.94	-0.39	2	7.35	89	60	74	
Extreme/Average	90	53	74	70	+ 4	0.63	-0.63	1	6.03	89	60	75	0.57
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs				66									0.16
Memphis	88	55	72	70	+ 2	1.26	+0.07	3	4.13				
Oxford	88	50	73	67	+ 6	0.09	-1.31	1	3.37				
Extreme/Average	88	50	73	68	+ 5	0.68	-0.63	2	3.75				
3. Northeast													
Booneville	87	52	72	68	+ 4	0.24	-1.11	1	1.95				
Corinth	88	55	74	68	+ 6	0.22	-1.04	2	1.95				
Iuka	87	46	69			0.65		1	2.30				
Pontotoc	88	52	72	68	+ 4	0.11	-1.08	2	1.22	79	63	73	0.29
Tupelo	90	52	73	69	+ 4	0.15	-1.20	2	1.30				
Verona	90	56	74			0.06		3	0.73	86	65	82	0.34
Extreme/Average	90	46	72	68	+ 4	0.24	-1.07	2	1.58	86	63	78	0.31
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni	93	61	77	71	+ 6	0.16	-1.10	2	1.28	92	75	84	
Greenwood	90	56	74	71	+ 3	0.08	-1.15	1	1.41				
Rolling Fork	91	56	77	71	+ 6	0.23	-0.86	2	1.87	96	75	85	0.20
Stoneville	90	56	76	71	+ 5	0.67	-0.45	2	4.81	87	66	77	0.26
Yazoo City	89	66	76	72	+ 4	0.21	-1.12	2	2.23				
Extreme/Average	93	56	76	71	+ 5	0.27	-0.95	2	2.32	96	66	82	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage				70		0.01	-1.18	1	0.95				
Jackson	89	54	75	71	+ 4	0.10	-1.13	1	1.22				
Winona	86	49	71	67	+ 4	0.10	-1.03	1	2.55				
Extreme/Average	89	49	73	70	+ 3	0.07	-1.15	1	1.57				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.00	-1.02	0	0.61				
Columbus	91	52	74			0.00		0	0.49				
State University	89	51	74	70	+ 4	0.00	-1.10	0	0.96	86	74	80	0.22
Extreme/Average	91	51	74	69	+ 5	0.00	-1.14	0	0.69	86	74	80	0.22
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs	90	55	76			0.18		2	2.40	93	72	83	
Natchez	89	53	76	73	+ 3	0.14	-1.15	1	2.37				
Oakley	91	53	76	71	+ 5	0.14	-0.98	2	1.53	96	71	83	
Vicksburg	88	56	76			0.71		2	2.67				
Extreme/Average	91	53	76	71	+ 5	0.29	-0.97	2	2.24	96	71	83	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	90	58	79	72	+ 7	0.02	-1.19	1	1.58				
McComb	89	60	76	71	+ 5	0.02	-1.29	1	1.02				
Extreme/Average	90	58	78	71	+ 7	0.02	-1.24	1	1.58				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont						0.00		0	1.13				
Hattiesburg	88	61	77	72	+ 5	0.01	-1.18	1	1.60				
Laurel	90	59	76	71	+ 5	0.00	-1.19	0	0.98				
Meridian	91	53	75	70	+ 5	0.00	-1.05	0	0.66				
Newton	90	51	75	69	+ 6	0.00	-1.03	0	1.44	73	65	69	0.25
Extreme/Average	91	51	76	71	+ 5	0.00	-1.08	0	1.34	73	65	69	0.25
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis	93	60	77			0.00		0	0.87				
Biloxi AFB	90	70	82			0.46		1	1.24				
Gulfport	87	67	79	75	+ 4	0.02	-1.10	1	1.03				
Pascagoula	87	61	76	74	+ 2	0.01	-1.11	1	0.79				
Poplarville	94	64	79	73	+ 6	0.00	-1.18	0	0.48	96	73	85	0.31
Extreme/Average	94	60	79	73	+ 6	0.10	-1.03	1	0.88	96	73	85	0.31
State	94	46	75	70	+ 5	0.21	-1.00	1	2.05	96	60	79	0.28

DFN = Departure from Normal.

'E' = Estimated Values.